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To preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WILSON (for herself, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. WATKINS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

5 (1) ROUTE 66 CORRIDOR.—The term “Route 66
6 corridor” means structures and other cultural re-
7 sources described in paragraph (3), including—

1 (A) public land within the immediate vicin-
2 ity of those portions of the highway formerly
3 designated as United States Route 66; and

4 (B) private land within that immediate vi-
5 cinity that is owned by persons or entities that
6 are willing to participate in the programs au-
7 thorized by this Act.

8 (2) CULTURAL RESOURCE PROGRAMS.—The
9 term “Cultural Resource Programs” means the pro-
10 grams established and administered by the National
11 Park Service for the benefit of and in support of
12 preservation of the Route 66 corridor, either directly
13 or indirectly.

14 (3) PRESERVATION OF THE ROUTE 66 COR-
15 RIDOR.—The term “preservation of the Route 66
16 corridor” means the preservation or restoration of
17 structures or other cultural resources of businesses,
18 sites of interest, and other contributing resources
19 that—

20 (A) are located within the land described
21 in paragraph (1);

22 (B) existed during the route’s period of
23 outstanding historic significance (principally be-
24 tween 1933 and 1970), as defined by the study
25 prepared by the National Park Service and en-

1 titled “Special Resource Study of Route 66”,
2 dated July 1995; and

3 (C) remain in existence as of the date of
4 enactment of this Act.

5 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the
7 Cultural Resource Programs at the National Park
8 Service.

9 (5) STATE.—The term “State” means a State
10 in which a portion of the Route 66 corridor is lo-
11 cated.

12 **SEC. 2. MANAGEMENT.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in collaboration
14 with the entities described in subsection (c), shall facilitate
15 the development of guidelines and a program of technical
16 assistance and grants that will set priorities for the preser-
17 vation of the Route 66 corridor.

18 (b) DESIGNATION OF OFFICIALS.—The Secretary
19 shall designate officials of the National Park Service sta-
20 tioned at locations convenient to the States to perform the
21 functions of the Cultural Resource Programs under this
22 Act.

23 (c) GENERAL FUNCTIONS.—The Secretary shall—

24 (1) support efforts of State and local public and
25 private persons, nonprofit Route 66 preservation en-

1 tities, Indian tribes, State Historic Preservation Of-
2 fices, and entities in the States for the preservation
3 of the Route 66 corridor by providing technical as-
4 sistance, participating in cost-sharing programs, and
5 making grants;

6 (2) act as a clearinghouse for communication
7 among Federal, State, and local agencies, nonprofit
8 Route 66 preservation entities, Indian tribes, State
9 historic preservation offices, and private persons and
10 entities interested in the preservation of the Route
11 66 corridor; and

12 (3) assist the States in determining the appro-
13 priate form of and establishing and supporting a
14 non-Federal entity or entities to perform the func-
15 tions of the Cultural Resource Programs after those
16 programs are terminated.

17 (d) AUTHORITIES.—In carrying out this Act, the Sec-
18 retary may—

19 (1) enter into cooperative agreements, includ-
20 ing, but not limited to study, planning, preservation,
21 rehabilitation and restoration;

22 (2) accept donations;

23 (3) provide cost-share grants and information;

24 (4) provide technical assistance in historic pres-
25 ervation; and

1 (5) conduct research.

2 (e) PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
4 assistance in the preservation of the Route 66 cor-
5 ridor in a manner that is compatible with the idio-
6 syncratic nature of the Route 66 corridor.

7 (2) PLANNING.—The Secretary shall not pre-
8 pare or require preparation of an overall manage-
9 ment plan for the Route 66 corridor, but shall co-
10 operate with the States and local public and private
11 persons and entities, State historic preservation of-
12 fices, nonprofit Route 66 preservation entities, and
13 Indian tribes in developing local preservation plans
14 to guide efforts to protect the most important or
15 representative resources of the Route 66 corridor.

16 **SEC. 3. RESOURCE TREATMENT.**

17 (a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall develop
19 a program of technical assistance in the preservation
20 of the Route 66 corridor.

21 (2) GUIDELINES FOR PRESERVATION NEEDS.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—As part of the program
23 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall estab-
24 lish guidelines for setting priorities for preser-
25 vation needs.

1 (B) BASIS.—The guidelines under sub-
2 paragraph (A) may be based on national reg-
3 ister standards, modified as appropriate to meet
4 the needs for preservation of the Route 66 cor-
5 ridor.

6 (b) PROGRAM FOR COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall coordi-
8 nate a program of historic research, curation, pres-
9 ervation strategies, and the collection of oral and
10 video histories of events that occurred along the
11 Route 66 corridor.

12 (2) DESIGN.—The program under paragraph
13 (1) shall be designed for continuing use and imple-
14 mentation by other organizations after the Cultural
15 Resource Programs are terminated.

16 (c) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall—

17 (1) make cost-share grants for preservation of
18 the Route 66 corridor available for resources that
19 meet the guidelines under subsection (a); and

20 (2) provide information about existing cost-
21 share opportunities.

1 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000
3 for the period of fiscal years 2000 through 2009 to carry
4 out the purposes of this Act.

